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Deputy Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT:

Attendance at Exploration Park Industry Day, August 19, 2009

On August 19, 2009, The Pizzuti Companies and Space Florida will co-sponsor the Exploration Park Industry Day. The event will be held at the at the Space Life Sciences Laboratory at the Kennedy Space Center with approximately 100 in attendance. Attendees includes a diverse group of representatives from corporate and industry executives, state and local government officials, NASA personnel, academia, and local aerospace contractors. The approximate cost for the reception is \$20 per person.

I find that of the Exploration Park Industry Day meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event. The event will allow NASA employees to discuss the NASA Vision for Space Exploration and the future of NASA in Brevard County with other attendees. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the co-sponsors may accept an invitation for free attendance at the reception.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect these co-sponsors such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

Chief Counsel

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